

Reference solicitation W912DQ-04-B-0001; Petite Saline Creek/Bellair Bridge Streambank Protection Project

Minutes of Bidders Site Visit Meeting held Dec 15, 2003, 10:00am.

*(Items in **bold italics** were added after the meeting as follow-on explanation).*

The site visit meeting was held for the Petite Saline/Bellair Bridge Streambank Protection Project from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on 15 Dec 02. In attendance for the Corps of Engineers were the following personnel.

Mary Hix	COE	Project Manager
Joel Schmidt	COE	Plan Formulation
Robert Williams	COE	Contracting
Richard Banes	COE	Field Office
Julie McClanahan	COE	Field Office
John Blancett	HNTB	Design Consultant

The meeting began with Mary Hix introducing the team, project title and purpose.

Robert E. Williams then discussed the following with respect to contracting:

1. The Bid Opening is December 30, 2003 at 2:00pm on the 7th floor in the downtown Kansas City Federal Building.
2. Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is required before bid award. This can be obtained by www.ccr.gov or dialing 1-888-227-2423. If a contractor has already registered, please verify if registration is still valid (not expired). ***Ref Contract Clause, 242.204-7004, on page 19 of 168.***
3. There has been one (1) amendment already. ***This is incorrect. No amendments have been previously issued.*** All amendments must be acknowledged. Amendments must be acknowledged on Block 19 of the SF1442 form.
4. Bonds must be accompanied by a Power of Attorney containing original signatures (preferably in blue ink) and the name of the company name must be exactly the same as in the CCR register. Bonds and other bid documents must also be the same as on the register.
5. Bid Bonds are 20% of the total bid price. ***Ref Contract Clause, 52.228-1, on page 17 of 168.***
6. Taxpayer identification number is needed. ***Ref Contract Clause, 52.204-3, on page 30 of 168,*** all offerors must submit information required in paragraph d through f.

John Blancett described the design as shown in the plans, mentioning the following critical issues:

1. There has been point bar grading since the surveyed contours as shown in the plans. An addendum will cover the need to remove excess rocky and woody material. The need for the contractor to provide an off-site spoil location was reiterated based on Construction Note 6
2. The Longitudinal Peaked Stone Toe Protection (LPSTP), Baffle / Tiebacks, Root and Stone Toe Reinforcements were described.
3. The need to use the excavated soils from the Baffle / Tieback Keys and the Roots was mentioned. This will provide a soil that will readily vegetate.
4. The Point Bar Grading rock will be placed behind the LPSTP, between the LPSTP bank tie-in and the upstream face of Baffle # 2.
5. The protection on the right bank, immediately upstream of the bridge, must remain open for the field drainage near the SE corner of the abutment.
6. The load limit sign for the bridge states 18-ton limit, but the plans (Construction Note 2 C) and clearance gained by the county states 15 tons as the limit. 15 tons must be followed.

The following are contractor questions and the corresponding responses:

Q1. What temporary erosion control measures are required?

A. Richard Banes suggested the bidders refer to the contract specifications. ***Refer to Supplementary Requirements after page 01105-3 and page 01355A-3, 1.7 Environmental Protection Plan.***

Q. Can we access the site from the east bank?

A. John Blancett stressed the importance to use the routes as shown in the plans.

Q. Do we need to remove the tree on the point bar?

A. John Blancett responded to the effect, as the plans show now, the answer is no, but the addendum to remove the post-survey debris may state otherwise. ***Addendum will be issued to address this issue.***

Q. Do we grade the top of bank behind the revetment?

A. John Blancett referred the bidders to Construction Note 8G.

Q. Is VHS taping of the haul route necessary if the vehicles / loads are within legal limits?

A. Richard Banes said it is mandatory to tape the route before the haul. **Refer to Construction Note 2D.**

Q. Is a particular rock or quarry required for this project?

A. Mary Hix referred the bidders to the contract specifications. **A list of approved quarries is included in Section 02130.**

Q. Is a safety plan required?

A. Julie McClanahan referred the bidders to the contract specifications. **Refer to Contract Specifications page 111 of 168, 52.236-13, also Section 01100-5, 1.16.**

Q. Is a project trailer required?

A. Mary Hix said a trailer is not required.

Q. What is the project schedule?

A. A Notice to Proceed will likely be issued 4 to 6 weeks after bid opening.

Q. Do wage requirements apply to all workers, including those private contracted drivers for quarries?

A. **Refer to Contract Specifications 01100-2, 1.5 Application of Wage Rates.**

Q. What if high water damages the partially constructed protection?

A. Mary Hix said the solution to the damage will be determined if the situation arises. **Refer to the Contract Specifications 01100-7, 1.23, Damage to Work.**

A. **Charles Scholtzhauer, County Commissioner,** said that the water sometime reaches a stage 5 feet higher than the bridge deck.

A. John Blancett said it is standard procedure to construct these protective works from upstream to downstream, to prevent flanking and pocketed flow.

Q. Will these questions and responses be available for review before bidding?

A. Mary Hix said they will be posted on the **solicitation website with Addendum.1.**

Q. Are there liquidated damages?

A. Yes. **Refer to the Contract Specifications, page 132 of 168, 52.211-12 (a).**

Q. What about weather related days?

A. Mary Hix referred the bidders to the contract specifications. **Refer to page 01100-3, 1.13.**

Q. Can the Contractor Quality Control Manager and the project superintendent be the same person.

A. **Refer to the Contract Specifications, page 01451A-4, 3.4.2.**

Mary Hix mentioned that questions and answers would be available to all bidders along with an expected Amendment #001.

Formal meeting was dismissed at approximately 11:00 am.

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